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COMO: A Decade of Excellence

by Karen Douglas (Acquisitions/Serials Librarian) and Rhea Ballard-Thrower (Associate Director)

The Georgia Council of Media Organizations (COMO) held its Joint Conference -- Cooperative Ventures X, in Macon from October 7-9, 1998. The theme for this year was *A Decade of Excellence*. COMO is an umbrella organization composed of four library organizations: Georgia Association for Instructional Technology, Georgia Association of Media and Educational Representatives, Georgia Library Media Association and the Georgia Library Association. The GSU law librarians attended the Conference and presented a program on Georgia legislative history. Although the Conference is primarily for public, school and media librarians, there were a few programs of interest to law librarians.

SECURING PUBLIC ACCESS COMPUTERS

Most libraries these days have had problems with "hackers" who have changed the home page or deleted or added files and generally wreaked havoc on public access computers. *Securing Public Access Computers*, presented by John Reed of the Office of Public Library Services, provided solutions to some of these nagging problems.

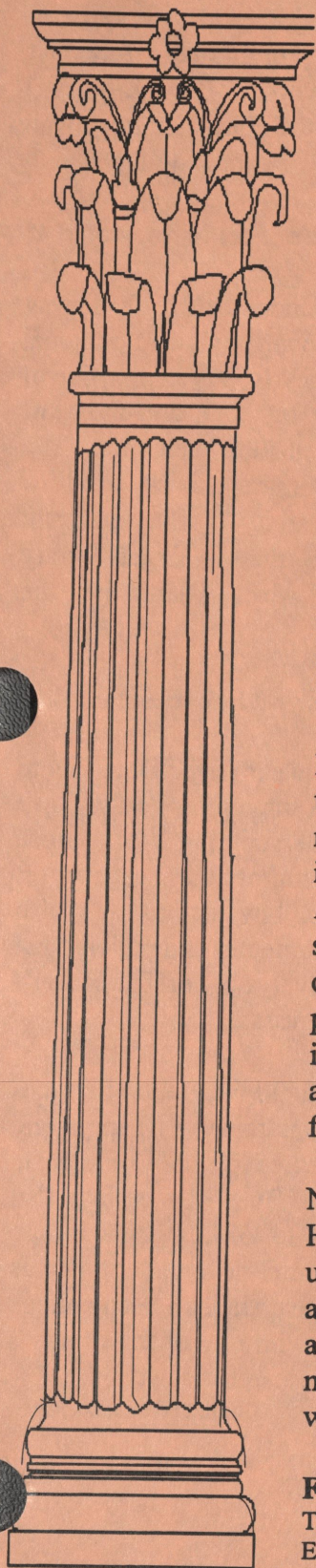
Mr. Reed compared, contrasted and critiqued several lock-down tools presently available to provide various levels of security for Windows 95 and Windows NT machines. He noted that it is more difficult to secure Macintosh operating systems. Mr. Reed discussed in detail four security systems which can be downloaded from the Web: *WINU*, *Fortres 101*, *IKIOSK*, and *WinShield*. The Windows 95 operating system also has a built-in security system called *Policy Editor* which can limit access to certain screens and operations. For more in-depth protection, Mr. Reed recommended the commercially produced products already mentioned. Some of the capabilities of these security systems include: Web browser site monitoring, shutting down certain menus so they do not appear, disabling rebooting functions, locking the CD-ROM door, denying access to the find command and preventing users from creating, renaming or deleting folders.

Next, Mr. Reed gave information about the types of viruses which can affect computers. He cited an example where a program copied on a floppy disc was downloaded by several users eventually infected a whole county library system with a virus. He also made us aware of the various virus hoaxes that are being passed around through e-mail and gave a web site where hoaxes can be verified. Various types of virus scanning software were mentioned, with the McAfee Virus scan being noted as one of the most popular and widely used programs. A question and answer period followed Mr. Reed's presentation.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

The *Freedom of Information Workshop* was an informative program presented by Hollie Manheimer, J.D., Executive Director of the Georgia First Amendment Foundation and Hyde Post, Assistant Managing Editor for the Atlanta Journal Constitution.

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The purpose of the program was to explain how Georgia citizens can gain access to Georgia public records.

Ms. Manheimer began the session by reading the *Georgia Open Meetings Act*, OCGA 50-14-1 et. seq. and the *Georgia Open Records Act*, OCGA 50-18-70 et. seq. She explained that the Georgia agencies covered by the Acts include: various state departments, schools, library boards, etc.

An information request must be made in writing to which the particular agency has three days to respond. In regards to library records, Ms. Manheimer explained that check-out records can only be obtained with a subpoena in furtherance of criminal proceedings.

Mr. Post ended the program by describing various open records cases of which the Foundation has been involved. The *Freedom of Information Workshop* was a very informative program. For additional information about the Georgia First Amendment Foundation point your browser to <http://www.mindspring.com/~gfaf>.

Overall, the GSU group wished there had been more programs of interest to law librarians. However, the few that they attended were very good and worth the drive to Macon.



An Interview with the New Librarians

If you heard a loud cheer near the corners of Piedmont and Decatur, it was because the Library recently filled its two open positions — Public Services Librarian and Electronic Services Librarian. It has been a while since the Library has been fully staffed with librarians, so we feel it is a good reason to celebrate.

Say *Three Rivers Stadium* at the Library and you must mean, **Terrance Manion**. As the new Electronic Services Librarian, Terrance hails from Pittsburgh. He earned his B.A. from The Ohio State University and his M.L.S. from Indiana University.

How did you become a law librarian?

I started off at Indiana University pursuing an MIS degree, but I quickly found that if the responsibilities of computing service aren't peppered with some human interaction, one can quickly lose social skills. After an internship with CNA in Chicago, I returned to Indiana to obtain an MLS.

Where have you worked as a librarian?

I did corporate (legal, medical and

insurance) research at CNA, which is one of the ten largest insurance groups in the world. In addition, I also worked on CNA's Intranet site, did collection development, taught Internet classes and worked on departmental promotional efforts. At Indiana University Law Library I worked on the Law Library web pages and its *Virtual Law Library*.

Why did you decide to work at GSU?

The setting lends itself to furthering my occupational goals and personal growth. Nancy is very supportive of me pursuing my J.D. and the staff made me feel quite welcome. The library is intimate enough to allow me a variety of different opportunities that a larger library might not. Also, Atlanta has the Braves.

What would you like to accomplish at GSU?

I would like to earn my J.D. in four to five years. I hope to not only gain a sound understanding of those electronic resources that best support an academic law setting, but also implement strategies and policies that more proactively support the patron's information needs.

Suzanne Mucklow, Public Services Librarian, was raised in Tampa and earned a degree from Florida State University. But, it was fate that brought her to GSU. Right before Suzanne's interview ended, it was discovered that she had been college roommates with one of the library's Graduate Research Assistants.

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An Interview (continued)

How did you become a law librarian?

I became a law librarian after working several years doing attorney background investigations for the Florida Board of Bar Examiners.

At the Bar Examiners, a co-worker of mine was taking evening graduate courses in library science at FSU. After talking with her, I knew I wanted to strengthen my research skills and felt that they would translate well into a law library setting. I wanted to become a law librarian because I knew every day would be a new challenge. I like the scavenger hunt involved in reference work, the challenges in using new technologies and working with a variety of people.

Where have you worked as a librarian?

I have worked as a librarian at Covington & Burling, the second largest law firm in D.C. In addition, I have worked at the Catholic University Columbus School of Law Library, the Congressional Research Service and the U.S. Supreme Court Library.

Why did you decide to come to GSU?

I decided on GSU because I liked the people immediately and I had heard many wonderful things about the library from others in the field. GSU also gave me the opportunity to expand my experience into management and teaching.

What would you like to accomplish at GSU

My immediate goals at GSU are to: revamp some aspects of our circulation department and develop a reliable method for collecting statistical data. Ultimately, however, I plan to use this opportunity to learn from GSU's very knowledgeable library professionals and to become an effective leader for the departments I manage.

Besides two new librarians, the Library also has one new staff member and three new student assistants.

Andy Peck is the newest staff member to work in Circulation. Born and raised in Salt Lake City, Andy went to college in Portland. A year after earning a degree in history, Andy moved to Atlanta. Eventually, Andy plans to earn his Masters and work in the public school system. When not at the Law Library, Andy likes to ride his bike, write poetry, dance and cook.

Our three new **students assistants**, Shahnaz, Rosine, and Roberto — have added an international flare to the Library this year.

Shahnaz Ahmed is from India and has been in Atlanta for about two months. Shahnaz already has a B.S. degree and is currently in the graduate Computer Science program at GSU. Once he earns his Master's degree, Shahnaz would like to develop Web applications and databases. When he is not studying or working at the Library, Shahnaz likes to take photographs and play

cricket.

Rosine Anet also adds an international flavor to the Library, since she is from the Ivory Coast. Rosine has been in Atlanta for ten months. However, she expects to be in the U.S. for a quite a while, since she wants to become a medical doctor and then return home. When she is not studying for her biology courses, Rosine likes to read.

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OLLI and Voyager: the Online Catalog Gets a New Look

by Karen Douglas
(Acquisitions/Serials Librarian)

Starting early next year, OLLI (the online catalog) will have a new look. GSU libraries (Law and Pullen), along with the rest of the State University System of Georgia, will be getting a new integrated online library system called *Endeavor Voyager*. The online catalog, circulation system and the manner in which the Library orders and catalogs materials will be completely different, since *Voyager* has a graphical interface. GSU will be migrating to *Voyager*, a state of the art windows based system. It will be much easier to search and also will allow the user to connect to a wide variety of online resources right from OLLI. To keep abreast of the latest details point your browser to <http://www.library.gsu.edu>.

An Evening with Toni Morrison

by Melinda Lehrer, Ph.D. & law student

Woe to the unlucky soul who missed Toni Morrison's reading at

GSU's

Rialto

theater

on Sept-

ember 26,

1998. The

reading was the final event for the Toni Morrison Society's five-day literary conference held at GSU.

Ms. Morrison, the 1993 Nobel Laureate for Literature, read a selection from her new novel, *Paradise* and answered questions about herself and her work.

The reading was a microcosm of the genius of Toni Morrison. Ms. Morrison who read from the chapter titled, *Consolata* — gave life to the characters in the tone, pauses and sighs of her wonderful reading style. Librarians Rhea Ballard-Thrower, Edna Dixon and Karen Douglas, who also attended the reading, wished that Ms. Morrison could have read the whole evening.

The question and answer period that followed the reading showed Ms. Morrison to be an engaging thinker and critic. When an audience member expressed confusion about the novel's title *Paradise*, Ms. Morrison said that she was not addressing the afterlife, but rather our concepts of an earthly paradise of where we think a safe and beautiful life is.

An Interview (continued)

Like Shahnaz, **Roberto Barbosa Ortiz** has been in Atlanta for only two months. Roberto is originally from Brazil where he likes to sail and swim. Roberto, who already has a B.S., plans to earn his M.B.A. in Information Systems from GSU. After graduation he plans to become an MIS consultant.

[HTTP://TAX.CCH.COM](http://tax.cch.com)

On October 28th, the librarians attended a training session for the CCH Internet Tax Research Network. Training was provided by CCH Representative, Susan Parkerson.

Once the librarians signed on to the system at <http://tax.cch.com/network> Ms. Parkerson explained the CCH Internet main screen. Divided into seven tabbed sections, the main screen is easy to use. The seven sections cover: federal materials (IRC, regulations, cases, etc.), state materials, international, special entities, financial & estate, and pension & payroll.

Ms. Parkerson then showed that there are three ways to search the system — *Browse, Simple and Power*. The librarians felt power searching was the best way.

Overall, the librarians felt that the CCH Internet Tax Research Network is a good product, fairly easy to use and a great source for those doing tax research.

Pilot Printing Program

On November 8, Nan Harley and Mark Romero of Westlaw demonstrated the new *Westlaw Pilot Printing Program*. As one of the test sites, Westlaw has instituted a print limit for printing from Westlaw. The purpose of the program is to: address environmental concerns by reducing the amount of paper used, reduce the maintenance burden on the West Stand-Alone-Printer (STP), reduce the huge student print queue and to have the students develop responsible printing habits.

The elements of the Program are as follows: Students are allowed to print 4000 pages each semester. The 4000 page allotment is divided among the 4 ways to "print" Westlaw documents — STP (500 pages), attached printer (500 pages), e-mail (1500 pages) and downloading (1500 pages). Each print destination is tracked by Westlaw. So, when a student signs on to the system, (s)he is given a detailed account of the number of pages printed and how many prints are available. If the system indicates that a student has used his/her print allotment for a certain print destination (like STP), Westlaw will encourage the student to use another destination where prints are still available (like e-mail). If a student should exceed 4000 pages in a semester (excluding law review and moot court members) Westlaw will allot a few "grace" pages and then the student's print account is closed for the rest of the semester.